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1. Between 23 and 27 February 1954, the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne (8481) in Saalfeld quartered about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia, 300 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia and 30 driver students wearing black-bordered red epaulets. On 23 February, crews of 7 soldiers each practiced aiming with rocket launchers [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] the exit of Beulwitz. On 25 February, an amphibious car was parked in the barracks yard. On 27 February, soldiers practiced the emplacing of two rocket launchers at the nearby training grounds. 25X1

2. From noon to 5 p.m. on 1 March, a train with ammunition boxes measuring about 90 x 50 x 40 cm was unloaded at Saalfeld railroad station. Trucks hauled the boxes to the ammunition depot near Schwarza.
3. At about 10 a.m. on 3 March, the following vehicles and materiel left the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne and moved to the Saalfeld railroad station, where they were loaded prior to 12:30 p.m.: 12 M-13 rocket launchers, 16 trucks with ammunition boxes, 14 trucks, each with 15 to 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 sedan with a lieutenant colonel (Arty), 1 ambulance, 1 tank truck and 1 field kitchen.

[REDACTED] Comment. Report confirms the 45th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. which had previously been held in Saalfeld, and especially, the 316th Gds RL Regt of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. A rocket launcher battalion was loaded on 3 March, presumably for firing practice at Ohrdruf or Kindel. 25X1

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